

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for forming a tubular printing blanket includes the steps of applying a application layer to a base, applying a polymer over the application layer so as to form as flexible inner tubular sleeve, at least one of the application layer and the polymer being an innermost layer of the tubular sleeve, and applying a print layer over the tubular sleeve. The interior of the flexible tubular sleeve can collapse to permit better storage of the blankets.